



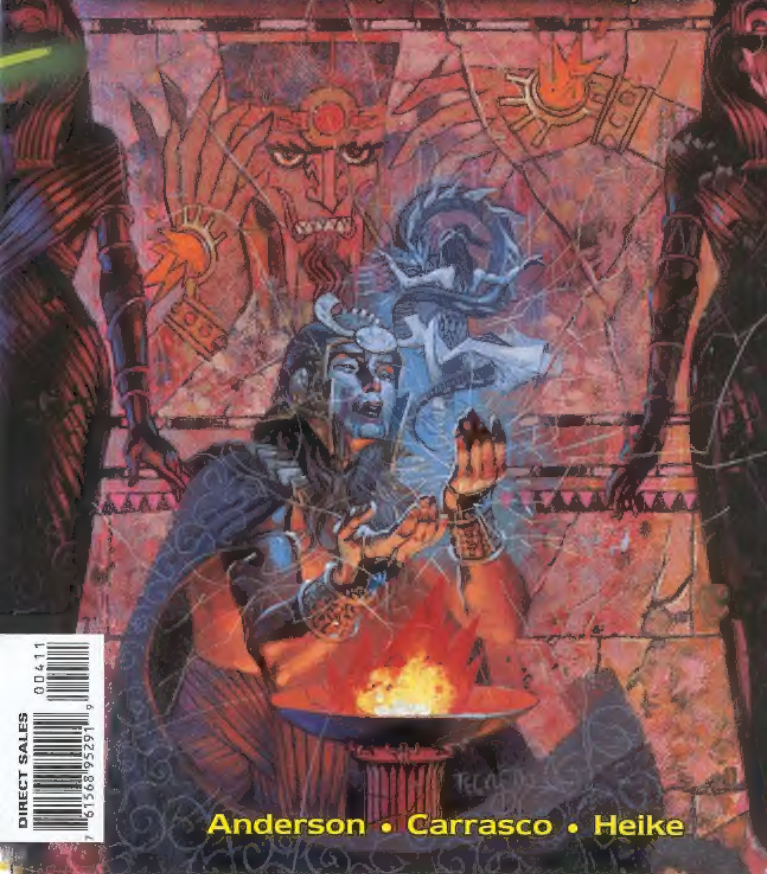
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The Dogs of War

The merchant lord Ssk Kahorr is out joyriding in the *Starbreaker 12*, recently confiscated from Jori Daragon, when Naga Sadow's entire war fleet homes in on the locator hidden aboard. Sith ships appear like a stampede out of hyperspace and annihilate *Starbreaker 12*. Sadow tries to soothe Gav's outrage by assuring him that his sister wasn't aboard. Then the Dark Lord goes into isolation in his meditation sphere, where he will direct the various prongs of their conquest and prepare Sith surprises for the defenders. . . .

Empress Teta sends her Jedi advisor Memit Nadill to Coruscant to summon the Republic's military might — but the sky is filled with thousands of Sith pyramidal drop transports. The ships unleash hordes of ground forces, giant beasts ridden by Sith Lords and Massassi warriors. When the Republic Jedi meet Sith sorcery in the city streets, it is new and frightening. Nadill and the other Jedi rally their forces around the Senate Hall to make their last stand. . . .

Wearing battle armor, Teta launches everything she has against the Sith fleet — but seeing the enormous invasion force, she doesn't know if she can defend her own worlds. The beautiful city of Cinnagar must be preserved! Jori wants to fight as a pilot, but most ships were damaged in the recent wars. With a gleam in her eye, Jori goes to Aarrba the Hutt's repair dock, where she's sure she can scrounge up something.

The rebels recently beaten on Kirrek offer to fight if the Empress will grant them amnesty. Odan-Urr, who helped defeat the rebels, and his Master Ooroo offer to help them. The armies gather in a fortified citadel as Sith drop ships disgorge huge fighting forces. Swarms of Massassi warriors sweep over the plains toward the stronghold, and the defenders prepare for the fight of their lives. . . .

Gav runs the blockade over Cinnagar, hoping to shut down the defenses and take the world in a bloodless victory . . . but he has really come for Jori. He looks for his sister at Aarrba's repair dock. Seeing Gav, the Hutt is outraged, provoking the Massassi bodyguards to retaliate. As he stands in shock over the dying Aarrba, Jori arrives, horrified at what her brother has done. . . .



INNAGAR--ARRBA THE HUTT'S
DOCKING BAY AND SPACECRAFT
REPAIR

...A SITE OF TRAGEDY.

GAV!
GAV, WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE?
WHY?

I--I--



GAV,
WAIT!



TALK
TO ME!!
I'M YOUR
SISTER!



GAV...
DON'T LET
ME LOSE
YOU
AGAIN.



YOU'VE
GOT A LOT
OF EXPLAINING
TO DO!

THIS
CAN'T BE TOO
DIFFERENT FROM
STARBREAKER II...
CAN IT?

THIS IS JORI
DARAGON, CALLING
EMPRESS TETA'S
FLEET! I'M IN PURSUIT
OF MY BROTHER
GAV.

AH,
HERE'S THE
LAUNCH
CONTROLS!

HE'S HEADING
INTO ORBIT...ANY
ASSISTANCE WOULD
BE, UH,
APPRECIATED!




IT'S ALMOST
AS IF HE WANTS ME
TO FOLLOW HIM... BUT HE'S
LANDING IN THAT
BATTLESHIP...

IT'S ALREADY
MOVING!



IT'S HEADING
INTO HYPERSPACE...
BUT, HEY, I RECOGNIZE
THAT VECTOR!

GAV, WHAT
ARE YOU TRYING TO
TELL ME?



RIMUS SOLUUD,
AN UNSTABLE RED
GIANT STAR...

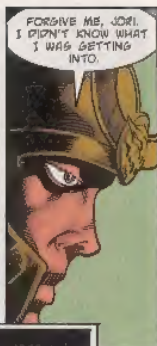
...A HELLISH PLACE,
WHERE NAGA SADOW
CAN CONTROL HIS
FORCES TO BRING
ABOUT THE FALL
OF THE REPUBLIC.

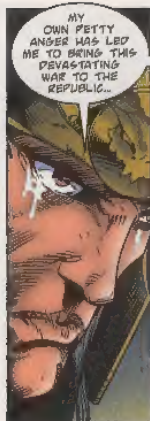
I KNOW
NAGA SADOW CAME
HERE.

"HE SITS IN HIS
MEDITATION SPHERE,
PULLING STRINGS..."

"...USING HIS SITH
MAGIC, CREATING
ILLUSIONS."

"I MUST
STOP
HIMI!"





DEUSCANT...A WORLD
UNDER ATTACK...

...A CITY ABOUT TO FALL
TO OVERWHELMING
SITH FORCES.



A FEW JEDI KNIGHTS,
LED BY EMPRESS
TETA'S ADVISOR
MERIT NADILL, FIGHT
AGAINST THE SURGE
OF BATTLE...



...THEY DO NOT
WASTE TIME
CONSIDERING
THEIR CHANCES
FOR SURVIVAL.



THEY ARE JUST
ILLUSIONS! THIS IS
SOME KIND OF SITH
SORCERY!

OUR ENEMY IS
NOT SO STRONG AS
WE HAVE BEEN LED
TO BELIEVE.

CALL OUT THE
MILITARY!

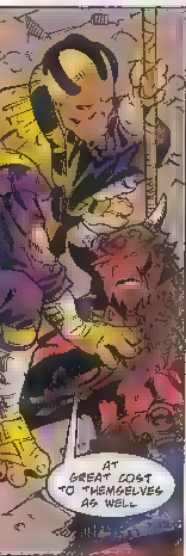
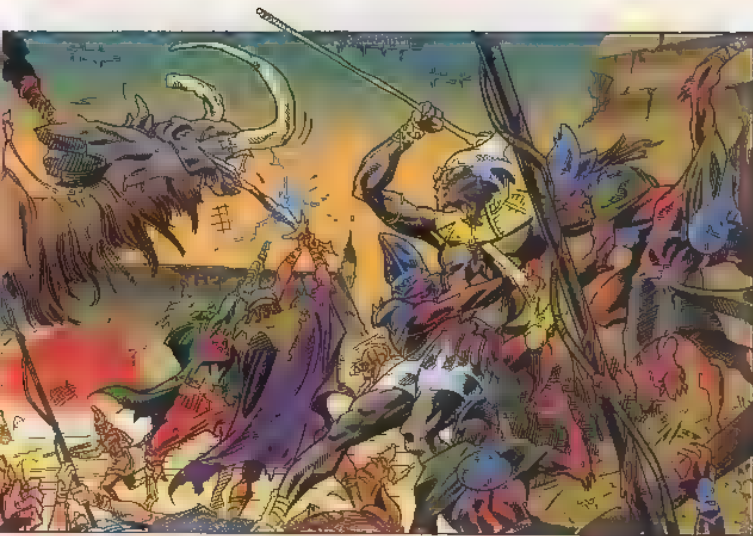
IT IS
TIME FOR A
COUNTERSTRIKE WITH
EVERY WEAPON THAT
REMAINS!

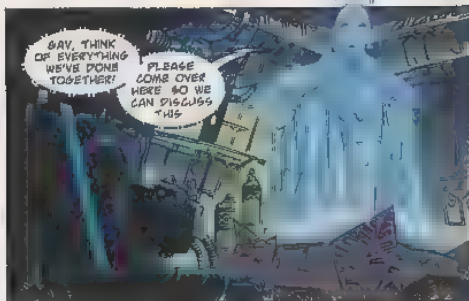
CHARGE!
WIPE THEM OUT WHILE
THEY'RE STILL IN
CONFUSION!

THE
FORCE IS WITH
US!

WE WILL
DRIVE THE SITH
BACK TO THEIR DARK
EMPIRE!





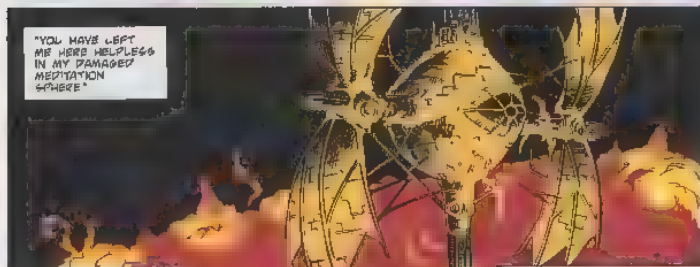


GAY, THINK
OF EVERYTHING
WE'VE DONE
TOGETHER!

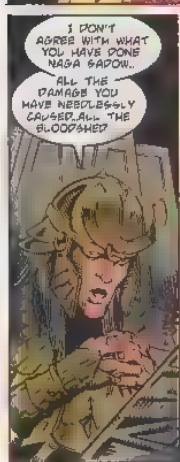
PLEASE
COME OVER
HERE SO WE
CAN DISCUSS
THIS



...OR WE
WILL BATTLE
IT OUT MAN TO
MAN. IF THAT'S
HOW IT MUST
BE

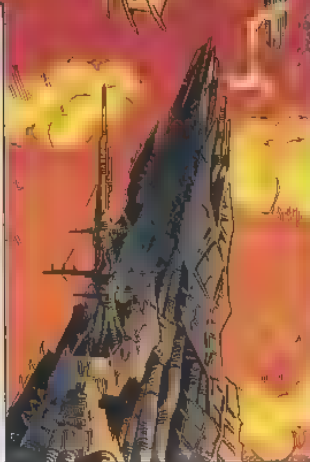


"YOU HAVE LEFT
ME HERE HELPLESS
IN MY DAMAGED
MEDITATION
SPHERE"



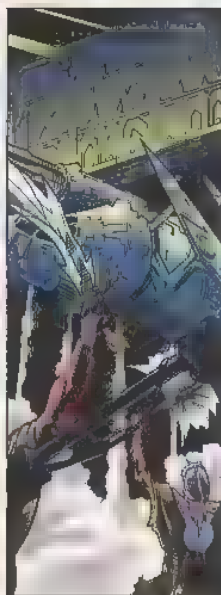
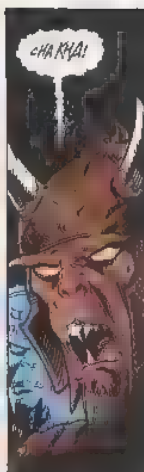
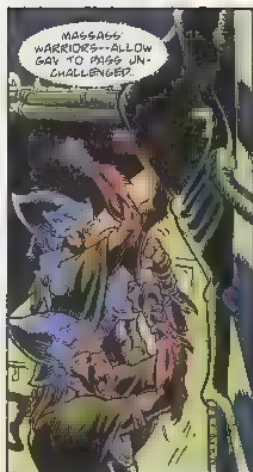
I DON'T
AGREE WITH WHAT
YOU HAVE DONE
NAGA SADOW...

ALL THE
DAMAGE YOU
HAVE NEEDLESSLY
CAUSED, ALL THE
BLOODSHED



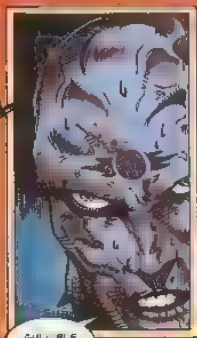
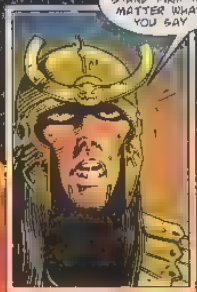
LET US DO
THIS FACE TO FACE,
GAY I HAVE TAUGHT YOU
SO MUCH. YOU OWE
ME THIS!

ALL
RIGHT I'LL
COME AND
TALK TO
YOU

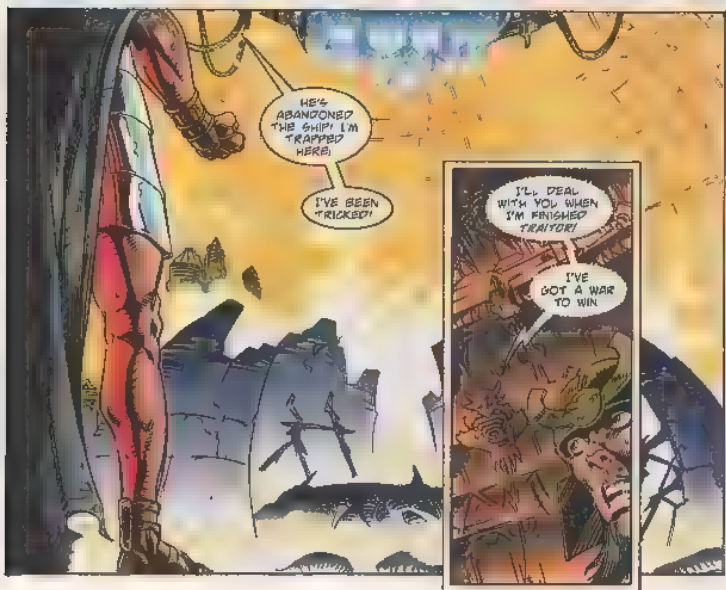
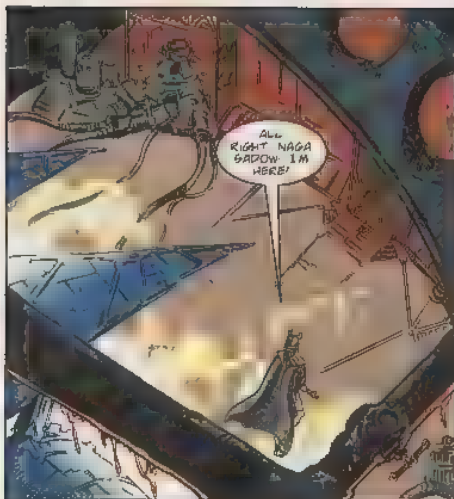




NAGG
SADON I WILL
STAND FIRM NO
MATTER WHAT
YOU SAY



DAW BLA
FOOL.

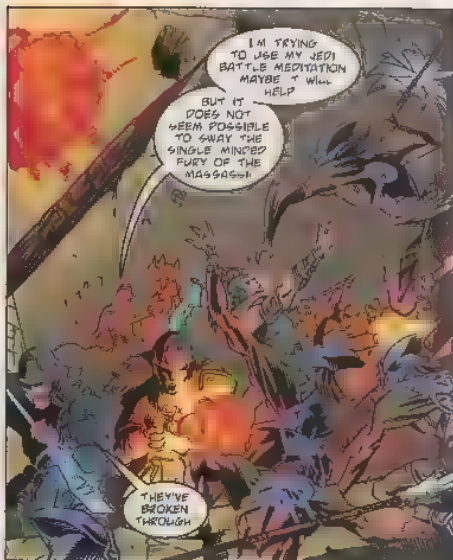
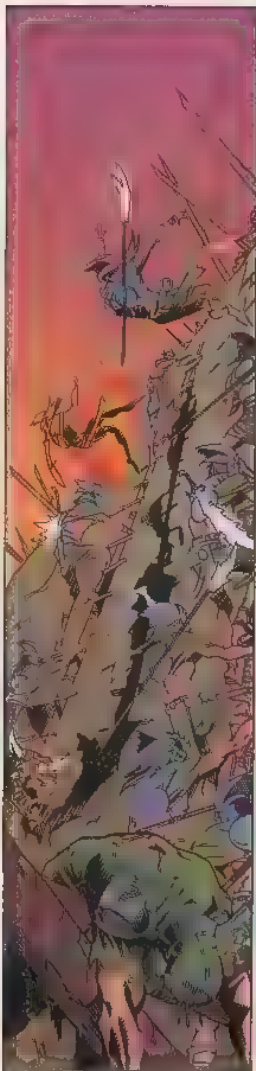


WRECK THE SITH
ATTACKERS SWARM
LIKE LOCUSTS

HOW CAN
WE FIGHT AGAINST
SUCH AN
ENEMY?

HOW DO
WE FIGHT AGAINST
ANY ENEMY? WITH
THE FORCE, TO THE
BEST OF OUR
ABILITIES.







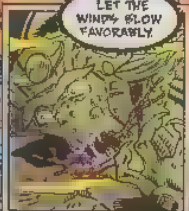
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BEING THE OTHER FIGHTERS
RETEAT THE MASSAGE.
INVADER'S PUSH FORWARD

AS
YOUR OXYGEN
ATMOSPHERE IS
DEADLY TO
ME..



..SO MY
DENSE (XAN)GEN
ATMOSPHERE IS
DEADLY TO
YOU.



LET THE
WINDS BLOW
FAVORABLY



THAT
IS ALL
I CAN
DO..



BUT STILL MORE
INVADERS COME!



LOOK
SHIPS!

MORE
INVADER!!

NO
THEY BEAR
EMPEROR TETAS
INSIGNIA.

"IT'S REINFORCEMENTS
FROM KONIKAI"

"THE PRISONERS HAVE BEEN
RELEASED FROM THE COLONY WORLD
TO FIGHT AT OUR SIDE"



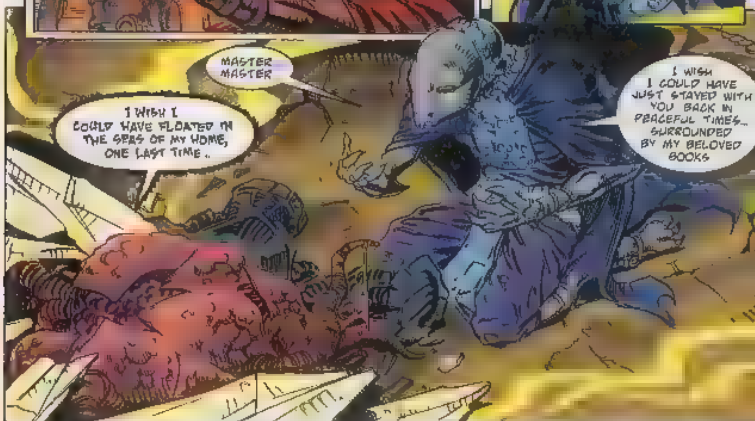
STORY IS ALREADY A DIM HOPE FOR
THE SIXTH INVADERS WHEN THEIR
CHANCES DIMINISH EVEN FURTHER



THE DEFEAT APPARENT ON
THE ENEMY FACES



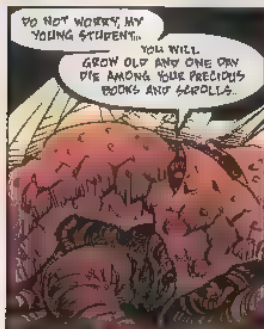
IS OVERSHADOWED BY THE
GRIEF OF OLAN-JURR



MASTER
MASTER

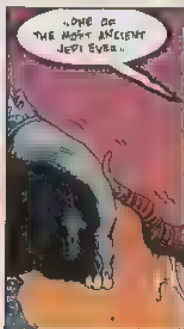
I WISH I
COULD HAVE FLOATED IN
THE SPAS OF MY HOME,
ONE LAST TIME..

I WISH
I COULD HAVE
JUST STAYED WITH
YOU BACK IN
PEACEFUL TIMES...
SURROUNDED
BY MY BELOVED
BOOKS

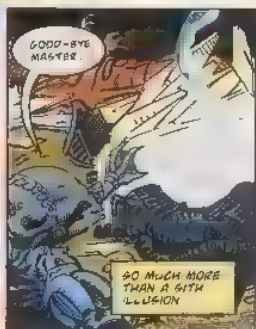


DO NOT WORRY, MY
YOUNG STUDENT..

YOU WILL
GROW OLD AND ONE DAY
DIE AMONG YOUR PRECIOUS
BOOKS AND SCROLLS.



..ONE OF
THE MOST ANCIENT
JEDI EVER..



GOOD-BYE
MASTER.

SO MUCH MORE
THAN A SITH
ILLUSION

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RIMUS GOLUUD...INSIDE
NAGA SADOW'S DAMAGED
MEDITATION SPHERE.

DOESN'T
ANYTHING STILL
WORK AROUND
HERE?

AH,
AT LEAST
THE COMM
SYSTEM STILL
WORKS.

JORI!
EMPRESS TETA!
THIS IS GAV! HOME
IN ON MY SIGNAL. I
HAVE VITAL
INFORMATION--

THAT
WAS FAST.

GAV
DARAGON, SURRENDER
AND PREPARE TO BE
BOARDED!

FORGET
ABOUT ME! I
CAN GIVE YOU THE
ENTIRE SITH
EMPIRE!

NAGA SADOW
HAS BROUGHT ALL OF HIS
FORCES HERE ON THIS WILD
ATTACK!

THE SITH
EMPIRE HAS
BEEN LEFT WIDE
OPEN AND UN-
GUARDED.

EMPRESS,
YOU AND YOUR FLEET CAN
GO THERE AND SEAL YOUR
TOTAL VICTORY!

YOU
CAN ENSURE
THAT THE SITH
EMPIRE WILL NEVER
AGAIN POSE A
THREAT!

BUT NAGA SADOW HAS RECALLED
THE REMNANTS OF HIS
BATTERED FLEET.

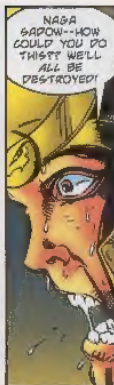
IT'S A
TRAP!

A DARK
LORD OF
THE SITH
DOES NOT
GIVE UP
SO
EASILY!

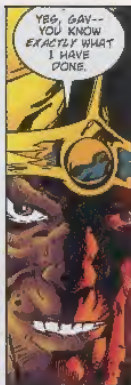
...NO, IT'S AN
OPPORTUNITY!



THE POWERS
OF THE SITH GIVE
ME MORE WEAPONS THAN
THE REPUBLIC COULD
EVER IMAGINE!



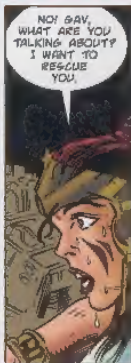
NAGA
SADOW--HOW
COULD YOU DO
THIS? WE'LL
ALL BE
DESTROYED!



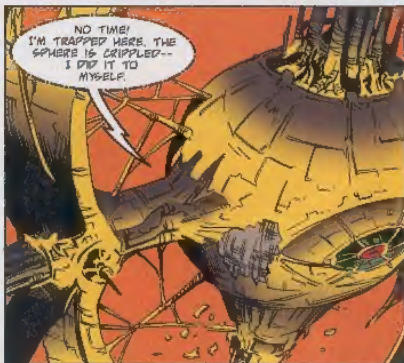
YES, GAV--
YOU KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT
I HAVE
DONE.



JORI,
EMPRESS,
ALL OF YOU--
GO! HE HAS
TRIGGERED
THE SOLAR
FLARES. THE
ENTIRE STAR
IS UN-
STABLE!



NO! GAV,
WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?
I WANT TO
RESCUE
YOU.



NO TIME!
I'M TRAPPED HERE. THE
SPHERE IS CRIPPLED--
I DID IT TO
MYSELF.



I CAN'T GET OUT
OF HERE, BUT YOU CAN,
JORI. GO!



PLEASE...
GO!



GO!

